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Dear Commissioners:

I'm writing in support of keeping the Gwynedd, Pa. Post Office open (Docket No. A 2011 -- 15).

The Postal Service argues it will save \$50,000 by closing the Gwynedd Post Office, but I'm skeptical if that figure is correct. Isn't it true the annual rents paid by post office boxholders cover the cost of the annual lease paid by the Postal Service for the building? Are Postal Service employees who currently work at the Gwynedd Post Office going to be laid off, or will they be transferred to other job assignments? Where are the savings? Is there another reason for wanting to close the post office?

The post office is part of the community. It's a good option for local residents who want their mail delivered to a postal box instead of delivered to their home. Even residents who have home delivery can still use the local post office to buy stamps and mail packages.

On March 3, a public meeting on the proposed closing was held at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building. People voiced strong support for keeping the Gwynedd Post Office open.

Traffic safety is a major concern. The Postal Service wants Gwynedd boxholders to either get a mailbox in front of their homes or -- if they still want to rent a post office box -- to pick up their mail at the Spring House Post Office, located on Bethlehem Pike. It's a congested highway, and the additional boxholders would add to the congestion of motorists making a left turn to exit the Spring House post office.

The Postal Service should be convinced to keep the Gwynedd Post Office open.

Sincerely,

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